Representation for making raised grounds in Kuttanad.

319. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation suggesting to make raised grounds in every pakuthi in Kuttanad for the temporary accommodation of cattle and poor people during flood; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on it?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimates have been prepared, but are held up pending detailed investigations regarding the hydraulic problem in Kuttanad area and the provision of the spillway at Thottapally.

Repairing the Pattinithodu Canal.

320. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application for repairing the Pattinithodu (പട്ടിണിത്തോട്) in Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for not doing the work?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) There were two interpellations in regard to this matter.

(*b*) The canal was once deepened and made navigable at a cost of over Rs. 8,000. But it is now unfit for navigation due to its silting up. The possibilities for preventing the silting of the Thodu are being investigated.

Construction of the Vettikempankari canal.

321. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the construction of the Vettikempankari canal in Parayankara Punja in Thriperumthura pakuthi, Mavelikara taluk, is completed;

(*b*) if not, what is the delay due to; and

(*c*) whether any land blocking this canal still remains unacquired by Government?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The unwillingness of the people to pay cess or half contribution for the improvement works.

(*c*) Yes. The south end of the canal is blocked up and is a cocoanut garden.

Improvement of the Puthen Aru Canal.

322. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people of Chennithala for the improvement of the Puthen Aru Canal in Chennithala Punja in Mavelikara taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken on them?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

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